

THE RAMPAGE

Taco Night 2nd of June 2012

Stick around after today's games for the Croydon Baseball Club Taco Night at the club. 7pm start and \$2 Tacos all night with a great prize for the most taco's eaten in the taco eating contest. Drinks

at reduced prices all night and Ladies 1st drink free. You may still have a chance to register for the eating contest if you're interested. Should be a great night so come down for dinner and have a laugh as we kick off this year's social calendar.



What's Goin' On

Call for White Uniform Tops

The heritage round is fast approaching so it's time to do the rounds to collect playing tops. As we did a few years ago, Ringwood have agreed to have a throwback uniform game on the 21st July. So if anyone out there still has your old white playing tops, please bring them down so we can help rewind the clock for a blast from the past.

Bat For Sale

Attention 3th's and 4th's and junior players. Easton Synergy baseball bat for sale. 34" 31 oz brand new. Have a look next time you're in the canteen. See Sonya Flynn if you're interested.

Croydon Baseball Trivia Night

Next social event is on the 30th of June as we see how well people know their Music, Movies and TV at the Croydon Baseball Trivia Night. Hosted at CBC Clubrooms for a 7pm Start. Groups of 10 max and your entry fee includes meal & competition entry with a chance to win some great prizes. Reduced drink prices all night & ladies 1st drink free!!!

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On This Day 2nd June

1935 - Braves outfielder Babe Ruth announces his retirement from baseball. The 40-year old former Yankees slugger wanted to retire three weeks sooner, but team owner Emil Fuchs persuaded him to continue to play because Boston hadn't played in every National League park.



1941 - Upon their arrival in Detroit, the Yankees learn the sad news that their captain, Lou Gehrig, seventeen days prior to his 38th birthday, has died in his sleep due to ALS in his Riverdale home. It was on this day exactly 16 years ago the "Iron Horse" broke into the Bronx Bombers' starting line-up.



1951 - Due to the poor lighting during a Alabama-Florida League contest Ottis Johnson of the Dothan Browns fails to get out of the way of a fastball thrown by Jack Clifton. The 24-year outfielder undergoes surgery and spends 8 days in the hospital before dying on June 10 as a result of being hit by the pitch.



1987 - Using their number one pick overall in the draft, the Seattle Mariners select Ken Griffey, Jr. The signing of 'Junior', son of major leaguer Ken Griffey, will play a major role in Seattle's success in the mid-1990's.



1990 - Blanking the Tigers, 2-0, Randy Johnson becomes the first Mariner to pitch a no-hitter in franchise history. The southpaw strikes out eight while walking six in the first hitless game thrown in the 14-year existence of Kingdome.

1996 - In St. Louis, Darryl Kile ties a major league record by hitting four batters. The Astros right-hander becomes the first National League player to do it since Moe Drabowsky accomplished the feat for the Cubs in 1957.



2000 - Devil Rays' first baseman Fred McGriff becomes the 31st player to reach 400 career homers when he goes deep against Glendon Rusch with a two-run drive in a 5-3 loss to the Mets at Shea Stadium.

2003 - In one of the minor league's strangest giveaways, the first 500 fans attending Ted Williams Night at the Bisbee-Douglas Copper Kings game receive popcycles. Many are critical of the promotion because the late Red Sox Hall of Famer has recently been cryogenically frozen.



2010 - After 22 seasons of compiling Hall of Fame statistics, Mariner outfielder Ken Griffey, Jr. unexpectedly issues a statement through the team announcing that he has decided to retire. The now 40-year old Junior, once known as the Kid, leaves the game fifth on the All-time career home run list with 630.

2010 - After retiring 26 consecutive Cleveland batters, Tigers' starter Armando Galarraga appears to have hurled the season's third perfect game when the throw from the first baseman to the pitcher, covering the bag, clearly beats the baserunner for the final out, but umpire Jim Joyce emphatically calls Jason Donald safe. After seeing the replay, the first base arbitrator tearfully admits his error and apologizes to the 28-year-old Venezuelan right-hander for his blown call.



Famous Quotes



"My Dad was left-handed, and I was left-handed when I was little. In fact, I was left-handed all the way to high school. Then I switched over to right-handed cause I wanted to play shortstop." - Luke Appling

"The screwball's an unnatural pitch. Nature never intended a man to turn his hand like that throwing rocks at a bear." - Carl Hubbell



"I'll take anyway to get into the Hall of Fame. If they want a batboy, I'll go in as a batboy." - Phil Rizzuto



Rampage Trivia

Who is the only player in Major League History to record at least 10 wins in 20 consecutive seasons in the majors?



a) Cy Young



b) Nolan Ryan



c) Curt Schilling



d) Greg Maddux



e) Randy Johnson



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Game Results Round 5 – 19/05/12

Croydon 1st's lost to North Balwyn 3 - 4

Rams had a tight team with the addition of Rhys and Chris Cass on the field, with positions changed up and a few injuries still in the way we came out battling. They drew first blood with 2 runs but Benny Garland's stand up double put us on the board. The Balwyn team scored 2 more, with a gutsy effort in the last we scored again but came up just short. We are improving and if we can get it all together on game day we will be a force to recon with. Long way to go stay frosty!!

Daryn Cassidy

Other Games

North Balwyn	4
Croydon	3

Greensborough	7
Knox	4

GMBC	5
Watsonia	0

Research	4
Heathmont	5

Ringwood	5
Melbourne Uni	0

Croydon 2nd's lost to North Balwyn 4 - 6

Another bad start with an error and some poor pitching (sorry guys!) had us down 6-2 after 2 innings. At that point we were well out of the game as their pitcher was dominating us and they were scoring at will. Steve Balkin came to the mound and turned it around for us. He started putting up some zeros and then we started to get some guys on base. We scored one then another with only about 2 minutes before the 5-minute rule and we started another innings. Balks shut them out again then some good batting and a couple of walks loaded the bases their relief pitcher (some young lefty) was throwing pretty hard but all over the shop he then walked in a couple of runs (6-4 down with 1 out) Balks up to bat and things were getting pretty exciting, got to a full count and then he hit it pretty well but straight at the right fielder should have been a sac-fly but not to worry Wardy coming up with 2 outs now, the young bloke pulled his shit together and struck him out. A really exciting game and a great job by us to get back into it. Congrats to Jake in his first appearance in the twos this year did great job with a walk and a hit I'd say he will be here to stay.

Tony Hickey

Other Games

North Balwyn	6
Croydon	4

Greensborough	1
Knox	6

GMBC	7
Watsonia	6

Research	5
Heathmont	8

Ringwood	8
Melbourne Uni	2

Croydon 3rd's lost to Bundoora 2 - 9

This week we faced Bundoora and once again we were struggling for numbers. With a good start getting a run on the board early, that's where it all stopped. Runners left on base, not making things happen. Where Bundoora pounced on every opportunity and it helped with most of their players having a good bat. We had some new blood in the team with Rowan, who came into pitch and did a good job, but by that stage the deed was done and it was too much for us to convert and come back. In the end we went down 2-9, our bats not doing the job again. Adam Friend

Other Games

Bundoora	9
Croydon	2

Westgarth	14
Knox	5

Upwey FTG	11
Research	4

Forest Hill	1
Doncaster	9

Monash Uni	13
Mitchell Majors	10

Croydon 4th's lost to Bundoora 3 - 4

Both teams played good baseball with a low scoring game, even until the last innings when Bundoora snuck away and scored the winning run. Andy again pitched a great game (120 pitches, 97 strikes, 29 balls). With Stephan away soaking up the sun at Byron Bay, Chops helped out and took his place behind the plate. Not only did he do a good job catching to Andy, he also had a great day with the bat. The best batting however went to James Stark who went 3 from 3, (2 singles & 1 double). I think we will bat him up the order next game. All in all, a great game to be part of. Thanks to Adam Friend for umpiring and Phu for scoring. Mick Ward

Other Games

Bundoora	4
Croydon	3

Westgarth	0
Knox	0

Upwey	9
Research	9

Forest Hill	6
Doncaster	21

Glen Iris	16
Mitchell Majors	6

Junior Game Results 19/05/12**Croydon U15's had a bye****NO MATCH REPORT
CROYDON U15's HAD A BYE****Other Games**

Croydon	-
(bye)	-

Forest Hill	3
Knox	4

Ringwood	7
North Balwyn	9

Croydon U13 's Major defeated Ringwood 8 - 7

On a day better suited to staying indoors we arrived at Ringwood not sure what the weather had in store for us but to everyone's credit, a game was played. In slippery conditions our pitchers Cael and Cameron did very well throwing strikes consistantly and forcing Ringwood to hit. It was a tight affair all day with some good hitting from both teams. Shaun, Cameron and Tim lead the way with strong hits, Benson, Bailey & Nathan all drew walks and contributed to the run tally. On a day with such wet conditions we made the most of the chances given to us and managed to hang on for a fine win over a strong opposition. Andy Balkin

Other Games

North Balwyn Wasps	13
North Balwyn Hornets	14

Croydon	8
Ringwood	7

Game Results Round 6 – 26/05/12

Croydon 1st's Washed Out against GMBC

NO GAME - WASHED OUT

Other Games

Croydon	w/o
GMBC	w/o

Melbourne Uni	2
Heathmont	18

Knox	w/o
Research	w/o

Watsonia	w/o
Greensborough	w/o

Ringwood	3
North Balwyn	5

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Heathmont	6	4	1	1	9	39	24	619
2	Research	6	4	1	1	9	33	21	611
3	Ringwood	6	3	2	1	7	26	24	520
4	GMBC	6	2	2	2	6	19	8	704
5	Watsonia	6	2	2	2	6	20	22	476
6	Knox	6	2	2	2	6	16	18	471
7	Croydon	6	2	3	1	5	22	22	500
8	North Balwyn	6	2	3	1	5	22	28	440
9	Greensborough	6	2	3	1	5	25	32	439
10	Melbourne University	6	1	5	0	2	18	41	305

d) Greg Maddux - He surpassed the previous record of 19 held by Cy Young

Trivia Answer

Croydon 2nd's defeated GMBC 4 - 3

So good to have a win @ GMBC!! It was a good solid team performance behind a very good pitching effort from Wardy - 127 pitches over 6 innings and he would throw about 50 in the first where they scored 2 unearned runs to take a 2-0 lead. From there we fought back well, we didn't have a lot of people on base but some good clutch hits to score runs from BJ (he had 2 hits for the day) Colly and Wardy. Jake followed up on his good game from last week with 2 walks, a SB and 2 runs, well done Jake. Leading 4-2 with 10 minutes to go their lead off got on and scored and the tying run was at first with 1 out, then at second with 2 outs. Wardy finished what he started and we came away with a great win!! Tony Hickey

Other Games

Croydon	4
GMBC	3

Melbourne Uni	8
Heathmont	10

Knox	14
Research	1

Watsonia	5
Greensborough	4

Ringwood	7
North Balwyn	5

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Knox	6	5	1	0	10	48	21	696
2	Heathmont	6	5	1	0	10	57	50	533
3	Watsonia	6	4	1	1	9	49	25	662
4	Ringwood	6	4	2	0	8	44	37	543
5	Croydon	6	3	2	1	7	37	27	578
6	GMBC	6	3	3	0	6	43	45	489
7	Greensborough	6	2	4	0	4	31	41	431
8	Melbourne University	6	1	5	0	2	32	49	395
9	North Balwyn	6	1	5	0	2	28	50	359
10	Research	6	1	5	0	2	22	46	324

Upcoming Games For the 1st's and 2nd's

TODAY – Croydon Vs Greensborough (HOME)

09/06/12 – NO GAMES - QUEENS BIRTHDAY

16/06/12 – Croydon Vs Research (AWAY)

23/06/2012 – Croydon Vs Heathmont (HOME)

Croydon 3rd's lost to Monash Uni 12 - 15

Looking forward to a good game and still looking for players, we arrived at Monash. It was a cold and dark day but we finally had our bats light up and scored 6 in the first. Feeling confident, we came out to field. Should have stayed in the dug out. We gave away 12 runs in one dig, 10 of which were unearned. Everyone was to blame. It was bad but we finally got the out and had another chance to bat. Scoring runs in every innings was the goal and we did it. But we seemed to be hitting straight to the fielders and missed some good opportunities. Our fielding also picked up, keeping Monash down to 3 runs in the last 3 digs. Some crappy umpiring decisions didn't help either. Phu man had his curve on fire, but was denied at least 4 times with the strike 3. I think being a game changer. With only 6 hits for the day, it wasn't too bad getting our 12 runs. And some good outs at 2nd for Lana was something to build on. Maybe with a consistent team, we can gain some more confidence and finish games a lot stronger. Final score 12-15. Adam Friend

Other Games

Upwey FTG	w/o
Bundoora	w/o

Knox	6
Forest Hill	7

Mitchell Majors	w/o
Westgarth	w/o

Research	7
Doncaster	5

Croydon	12
Monash Uni	15

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Forest Hill	6	5	1	0	10	83.3	50	42
2	Upwey FTG	6	4	1	1	9	75	66	27
3	Westgarth	6	3	1	2	8	66.7	51	33
4	Doncaster	5	3	2	0	6	60	60	23
5	Knox	5	2	2	1	5	50	33	30
6	Mitchell Majors	6	2	3	1	5	41.7	54	54
7	Research	6	2	3	1	5	41.7	43	60
8	Bundoora	6	1	3	2	4	33.3	26	39
9	Monash University	6	2	4	0	4	33.3	56	90
10	Croydon	6	1	5	0	2	16.7	34	75

Upcoming Games For the 3rd's

TODAY – Croydon Vs Westgarth (HOME)

09/06/12 – NO GAMES - QUEENS BIRTHDAY

16/06/12 – Croydon Vs Forest Hill (AWAY)

23/06/2012 – Croydon Vs Doncaster (HOME)

Croydon 4th's defeated Glen Iris 6 - 3

We were again fortunate enough to have Steve Balkin on the mound this game and Chops behind the plate. This gave Andy a well earned break from either catching or pitching, so we gave him a stress free day on first base. Steve's pitching was spot on and he was well backed up by his field, only allowing the big hitting Glen Iris to score three runs for the game. The Rams notched up six runs through some impressive hitting, starting with a monstrous home run to centre field by Steve, followed by two base hits by Andy and Chops. Thomas also had a hit to right field at a critical part of the game. Thanks to Andrew Haig for playing for us and John Hansen for scoring, even though he was injured. Mick Ward

Other Games

Upwey	34
Bundoora	3

Knox	23
Forest Hill	5

Mitchell Majors	0
Westgarth	0

Research	5
Doncaster	11

Croydon	6
Glen Iris	3

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Upwey	6	4	0	2	10	76	45	628
2	Doncaster	5	4	0	1	9	63	33	656
3	Research	6	4	1	1	9	81	39	675
4	Knox	5	3	2	0	6	64	28	696
5	Glen Iris	5	3	2	0	6	54	37	593
6	Westgarth	6	2	2	2	6	49	41	544
7	Bundoora	6	3	3	0	6	47	78	376
8	Croydon	6	2	3	1	5	23	47	329
9	Mitchell Majors	6	0	5	1	1	33	78	297
10	Ringwood	1	0	1	0	0	8	6	571

Upcoming Games For the 4th's

TODAY – Croydon Vs Westgarth (HOME)

Junior Game Results 26/05/12

Croydon U15's lost to Ringwood 6 - 21

We had a tough game against Ringwood last time around and today was no exception as they came out swinging against us last weekend. Jonah took the ball for us for his first game pitching and did a great job of making them earn their runs, allowing only 1 walk in 3 innings. Josh also gave catching a go for the first time and did a great job of keeping the ball in front of him and not allowing many passed balls. They had no trouble scoring runs but their pitcher made it tough for us and didn't allow us get back in the game until we made a late charge with a couple of runs towards the end of game. Once we get our defence sorted out and gain some more experience and confidence in our batting I think we'll see more competitive games in the future. Dennis Ward

Other Games

North Balwyn	8
Forest Hill	8

(bye)	0
Knox	0

Croydon	6
Ringwood	21

	Team	P	W	L	D	Bye	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Heathmont	2	2	0	0	0	4	38	2	950
2	Ringwood	5	4	1	0	1	8	67	37	644
3	Forest Hill	5	2	2	1	1	5	55	29	655
4	North Balwyn	5	2	2	1	0	5	40	62	392
5	Knox	4	2	2	0	1	4	13	31	296
6	Croydon	5	0	5	0	1	0	33	85	280

Upcoming Games For the 4th's

TODAY – Croydon Vs Knox (HOME)

09/06/12 – NO GAMES - QUEENS BIRTHDAY

16/06/12 – Croydon Vs North Balwyn (AWAY)

23/06/2012 – Croydon Vs Forest Hill (HOME)

Croydon U13's Major defeated North Balwyn 11 - 4

Although the score may indicate an easy win, it was really 1 inning that sealed victory. Again our pitchers did well and with Shaun away, Benson held down the catching role and did a fantastic job (wore a couple on the mask as well). Daniel Yon owned SS and made that position his with his best game of the season (also hit a double). It was also good to see Trevor back after a couple of weeks away. The last inning sore Nathan hit a homerun, Jordan got his 1st hit and 7 runs scored to wrap up the game. All up we had 1 hr, 1 tripple, 2 doubles and some base hits spread amongst the line up. Great to see the boys getting rewarded for their effort as they have been training the house down the last few weeks, taking control of their own development. Well done guys. Andy Balkin

Other Games

North Balwyn Hornets	4
Croydon	11

Ringwood	14
North Balwyn Wasps	9

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%	W%
1	Ringwood	6	5	1	0	10	87	39	691	83.3
2	Croydon	6	5	1	0	10	66	43	606	83.3
3	North Balwyn Hornets	6	1	4	1	3	48	85	361	25
4	North Balwyn Wasps	5	0	4	1	1	40	67	374	10
5	Heathmont	1	0	1	0	0	9	16	360	0

Upcoming Games For the U13's

TODAY – Croydon Vs North Balwyn Wasps (HOME)

09/06/12 – NO GAMES - QUEENS BIRTHDAY

16/06/12 – Croydon Vs Ringwood (AWAY)

23/06/2012 – Croydon Vs North Balwyn Hornets (HOME)